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REMARKS

To date, the Examiner has not indicated that the subject matter of the information disclosure statement (IDS) filed August 28, 2002 has been properly considered. A copy of such IDS is submitted herewith. If the Examiner requires additional copies of any reference(s), applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned. Documentation in the file wrapper of the instant application confirming the Examiner's consideration of the appropriate reference(s) is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the allowable subject matter of Claims 54 and 58. The Examiner has objected to Claims 54 and 58 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but has stated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully asserts that each of the independent claims have been amended to at least substantially include the subject matter of at least one of the foregoing claims. In addition, applicant brings to the Examiner's attention the subject matter of new Claims 63-64 which at least substantially include the allowable subject matter.

Thus, all of the independent claims are deemed allowable. Moreover, the remaining dependent claims are further deemed allowable, in view of their dependence on such independent claims.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NVIDP021/P000174).

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